

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

Town Clerk's Office

Present: John Simanskas, Fletcher Dean, Juanita Nunn, Jennifer Whitman

Guest: Denise Wheeler

John called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Minutes of the November 20th Commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved.

H.2 Bill:

"An act relating to a selectboard's appointment of additional members to a town's elected board of cemetery commissioners", introduced in the VT House by Rep. Janet Ancel. Discussion of the bill which was in response to town citizens' concern about the departure of former Commissioners Elliot Morse and Mo Cerutti. No action taken. Fletcher will contact Janet for clarification of the bill's language and possible problems (i.e. Selectboard appointing members, town charter option which could conflict with state statutes).

2015 Projects:

Fletcher reported that U-32's VYCC will volunteer to work in the cemeteries a few hours a day for about five days commencing April 7th. Fletcher will connect them with sexton Wyatt Healey.

John has one quote from TreeWorks for hedge trimming at Fairview Cemetery.

John has worked up materials and labor cost estimates for fence replacement/installation of Janes and Hudson cemeteries. John and Jennifer are pricing granite post costs for the best price. John will work up materials and labor cost estimates for replacing Shortt and Ainsworth cemeteries' fences, which are priorities for 2015. John also presented a new layout of plots in Hudson.

Discussion of funding 2015 deferred maintenance projects - Fairview hedge trimming, Shortt and Ainsworth fence installation and pressure washing headstones at Old West Church - which will be a separately warned article at Town Meeting. John will compile a summary list of projects that will be financed by the separate article and email to commissioners prior to Town Meeting.

Denise suggested having a running slide show presentation for Town Meeting. Jennifer will follow up with Scott Bassage and Donna Fitch.

John presented dates for 2015 Cemetery Commission meetings. We will now meet on fourth Thursdays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Cemetery Commission meets the fourth Thursday of the month in summer and bi-monthly thereafter.

Next meeting Thursday, March 26, 2015

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Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean,

January 31, 2014